## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

Property Address\_13301 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel Vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address\_M-NCPPC/ 6600 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale, MD 20737
Year Built\_circa\_1800

Property Name: Snow Hill

Survey No.: PG:62-4

## **Description:**

Snow Hill was surveyed in 1973 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The earlier survey form does not describe the outbuildings associated with the house. The house was purchased in 1992 by Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, and has been renovated to serve the public. There is no boundary description on the earlier form.

Snow Hill is a 1½-story, 5-bay Georgian-style house on the east side of Laurel-Bowie Road (MD 197) in the Laurel Vicinity, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1800 on the site of an earlier house which was destroyed by fire, the building is a massed, center hall plan. The house was restored in 1940 by Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Warren. The M-NCPPC has added a modern 1-story frame side-gable addition on the south side with kitchen facilities and a handicapped entrance.

The structure has a gambrel roof with wood shingles, and has five shed dormers on both the east and west sides. There are two interior end brick chimneys on the north and south sides. The building is of Flemish-bond brick construction, and it has a Flemish-bond brick foundation. There is a molded brick water table. The gable-end walls are 2-1 common bond. The windows are double-hung wood-sash, some of which have been replaced in-kind. The house has gable-roof entrance porches on the west and south, which were added in the 1940 restoration. There is a 1-story gable roof porch leading to the new addition, which was added in 1997.

The east and west elevations of the main block of the house are unchanged from the previous description. The first story windows are 9/9 double-hung in pegged surrounds. The first story windows have segmental arches on the east (front) elevation and jack arches on the west elevation. The dormer windows are 6/6 double-hung. There are two interior end brick chimneys, on each elevation.

The addition on the south elevation is of wood-frame construction with weatherboard siding, and it has a brick foundation. The structure has a side-gable roof with wood shingles and snow-guards. The east elevation of the addition has a ramp with balusters leading up to a 2-light door. There is one 6/6 double-hung window in the second bay of the addition. The west elevation of the addition has two 6/6 double-hung windows.

The north elevation of the main house displays evidence of window changes in the brick work. The windows have been made smaller and the spaces filled in with brick. This may be the result of the 1940 restoration. There are no basement windows on the north elevation. There are two 6/6 windows on each floor, and two small 4-light casement windows in the attic level. There is evidence of a bulkhead door in the northwest corner which has been filled with brick. The window frames show evidence that there were shutters on the windows at one time.

The south elevation has been altered by the addition of the frame addition and entry porch. An early photograph shows that a small gable-roofed structure was attached to the southeast corner of the elevation at one time. The photograph also shows the existence of a door at the southwest corner. The entire first story of the south elevation is now obscured by the addition. The gable-roof porch leads up to a 5-bay south elevation. The 2-light door is centered, and is flanked by two narrow 6/6 double hung windows. These are in turn flanked by two 6/6 double-hung windows. There are two 6/6 double-hung windows in the second story, and two small 4-light casement windows in the attic level. Changes in the brickwork show that the size of these windows was altered at one time.

There are three outbuildings associated with the house. The first is a log smoke or meat house. Located to the southeast of the house, it is of V-notched log construction on a brick foundation. Constructed circa 1800, it has a pyramidal roof with wood shingles and exposed rafters. There is one door on the west elevation, and pipe extends from the east elevation.

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The second outbuilding is a carriage house/garage. It is located to the southeast of the house, and is immediately south of the smokehouse. Constructed circa 1870, it is a 1½-story, 2-bay brick structure with a side-gable roof and a central brick chimney. There are two garage doors on the first story of the south elevation. A row of saw-tooth brickwork separates the first and second stories. There are two gable wall-dormers on both the west and east elevations, with 6/6 double-hung windows. A staircase beginning on the west leads to a second floor entrance on the south gable end.

The third outbuilding is a garage constructed circa 1940. It is located to the southeast of the house and other outbuildings. It is a 1-story brick structure with a hipped roof covered with wood shingles. There is a garage door in the north end, and two 8-light casement windows on the west elevation.

The property is located on the east side of Laurel-Bowie Road (MD 197), with an apartment complex to the south, a modern subdivision to the north, and open space to the east. There is a long, tree-lined drive leading up to the house from the road to the west. There is commercial development on the opposite side of Laurel-Bowie Road. The property has trees to the north and south, insulating it from the development on the north and south. Parking lots have been added to the property to the south of the house.

## Verbai Boundary Description and Justification:

The recommended National Register boundaries of Snow Hill follow the current property lines of 13301 Laurel-Bowie Road (Tax Map 10 and Parcel 87). This 4 hectare (10 acres) parcel is bounded on the north, south, east by adjacent parcels, and on the west by Laurel-Bowie Road. The boundary includes the house, smokehouse, carriage house/garage, and garage. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a tract of land owned by Samuel Snowden which was part of the "Birmingham Manor" tract.

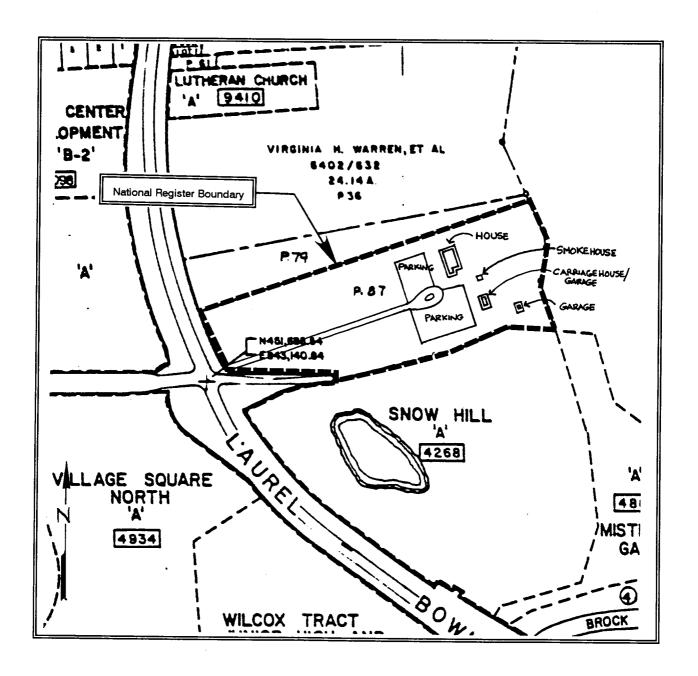
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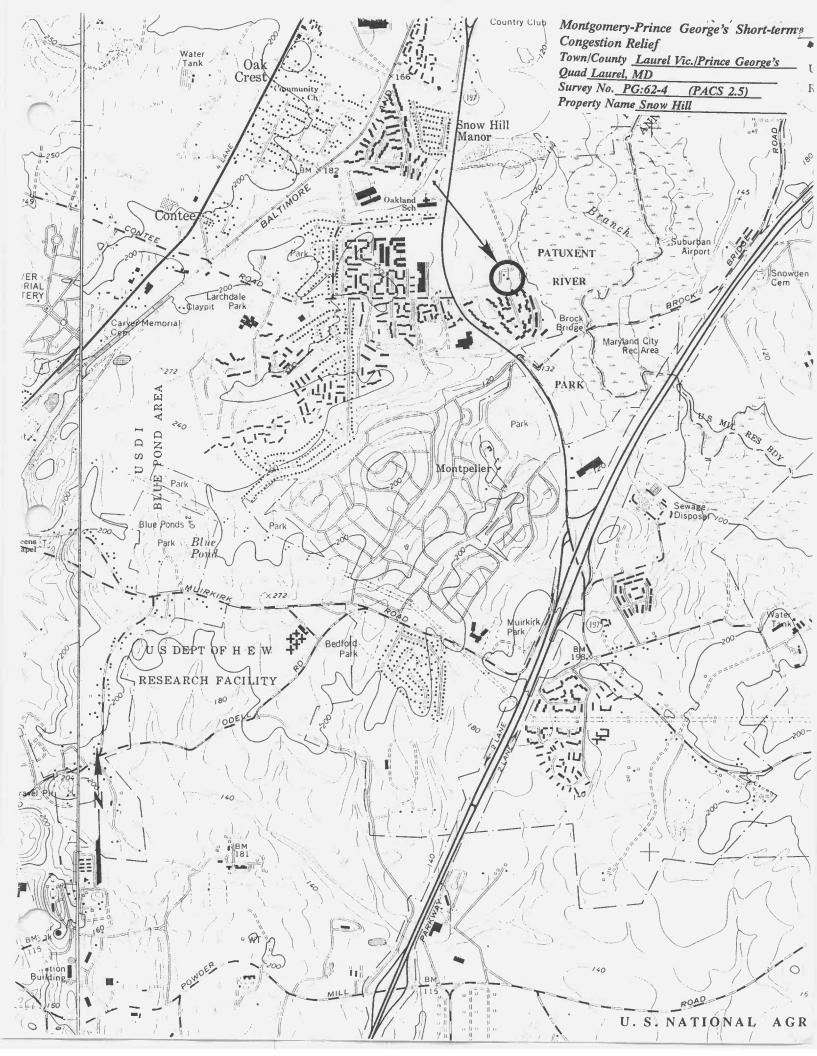
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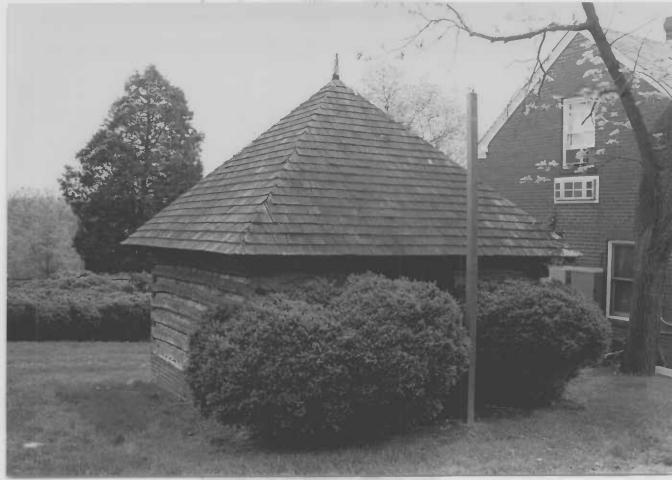
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"Snow Hill" is a one-and-a-half story brick structure with a gambrel roof and a five bay main (east) facade. The shed-roofed dormer windows reflect the bay divisions of the lower facade, as do the segmentally-arched basement windows. The double doors with transom light are sheltered by a gabled porch, the roof of which breaks through the cornice mouldings of the eaves and into the lower slope of the gambrel roof. The porch—and the identical one on the west facade—is a reconstruction carried out at the time the house was restored; it replaced the Classical Revival, flat-roofed porch pictured by Henry Chandlee Forman in Early Manor and Plant—ation Houses of Maryland (p.93.)

The brick ends have an irregular fenestration. The south end has two doorways, the western one now used as the exterior door and the eastern one replaced by a window during restoration; this eastern door once connected the house to a log kitchen building that had been attached to the south end; evidence of an even earlier south wing can be seen in the brickwork, the ridge of the roof rising to the bottom of the chimney stack. On the north end wall the lintel of a closed-off basement entrance remains. The chimney stacks rise fifteen courses from ridge to cap; the cap consists of five courses, the first three corbelled outward and the next two stepping back.

In plan, the house has a center hall with two rooms on either side. The staircase resembles the one at "Montpelier," rising in three runs from an inset in the back of the north hall wall. The second floor hall, off of which four rooms open, is balustraded on the west (staircase) side.

The northeast and southeast ground floor rooms are the most elaborate. Each has a corner cupboard with keystone arched opening; a pilaster runs from the top of the keystone to the cornice moulding, which breaks out to serve as a pilaster cap. Both rooms have cast iron hearths, perhaps made at Snowden Iron Works; the mantle shelves are moulded cornices. In the northwest room, the hearth is brick; the mantle shelf has a dentil course below the shelf. A small boxed staircase to the second floor extends into the southwest corner of the southwest room; otherwise, the room has been modernized for use as the kitchen.

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"Snow Hill, built between 1799 and 1801, is a retardataire example of Georgian architecture built by Samuel Snowden, son of Richard Snowden, grandson of Captain Richard Snowden, and great-grandson of Richard Snowden, "The Immigrant." The Snowden family emigrated from Wales to Maryland in 1675, settling first in Calvert County. From 1676 to 1685, "The Immigrant" received 1976 acres of land near the Patuxent River; by 1690, he had settled in the present-day Howard County near Laurel. Captian Richard Snowden, who built "Birmingham Manor (burned 1891), had a single heir, Richard III, who inherited the entire Snowden land holdings amounting to 26,000 acres in modern Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Montgomery, and Howard Counties and Washington, D. C., as well as the iron works on land patent "Iron Mine" granted to the family before 1700. In 1726, Richard Snowden III formed the Patuxent Iron Works, with Edmund Jennings of Annapolis as one of the subscribers; by the time of his death, Richard III was sole owner of the iron works.

Richard Snowden III had four sons and six daughters. His son Samuel was born 1727 and died in 1801, leaving his estate to his nine children. Samuel inherited one third of his father's iron works, as well as 6000 acres of land in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. In 1774, he served on the Committee of Safety and, although a Quaker, is supposed to have assisted actively the patriot cause in the Revolutionary War. It is Samuel Snowden who built "Snow Hill," which he left to his son, Samuel Snowden, Jr.

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No.7-Description continued-

Each of the south rooms and the northeast room have two windows. The northwest room has one window facing west and one facing north, opening into a closet that now is a "powder room." Chair rails throughout the house are simple, consisting of a board with bead supporting a roll moulding. A door from the southeast room to the former kitchen building has been blocked off by a cabinet built at Snow Hill, Worchester County, Maryland.

In the attic, the roof framing consists of common rafters with lapped joints at the ridge; collars are lapped over the rafters.

During the restoration and modernization of the house, Dr. and Mrs. Warren had reproduced a number of hardware and decorative items. Thus, the modern doors were made using an original door as a pattern. The restoration design, done by Byard Turnbill, AIA, has attempted to preserve as much as possible, model reconstructed items on existing character of the house.

#### No.8-Signifiance-continued-

In his will of 17 September 1800, Samuel Snowden left his son, Samuel, Jr., "all my Lott or Parcell of Land (whereon my dwelling House was burnt) lying in Prince George's County aforesaid being part of Birmingham Manor containing Eleven Hundred and thirteen acres of Land", as well as his household effects, cattle, four horses, and wagons belonging to the plantation. In addition, he gave to sons Philip and Samuel equal parts of his "undivided third part of the Lot or parcel of Land on which Stands patuxent Forge together with all my Property in and on Said Lot", as well as his third interest in undivided lands left him and his brothers by Richard Snowden. Finally, son Philip received 1250 to complete his house and son Samuel received "a Sum not Exceeding Five Hundred Pounds like Money(including the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty five Pounds which I have already engaged to pay) for the Purpose of being laid out and Expended in procuring materials for, and for rebuilding and refitting my late Dwelling House which was burnt, and which I have devised as aforesaid to my Said Son Samuel and his Heirs forever."

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On 19 June 1801-eight days before his death--Samuel Snowden added a codicil to his will witholding 1250 from his son Samuel in light of the "considerable Sums of Money" expended in the "finishing of the Dwelling House devised by me to my Son Samuel Snowden."

In 1798 Tax Assessment for Prince George's County shows three major Snowden holdings, Thomas Snowden's "Montpelier, "Thomas Snowden's two story brick house occupied by Richard Snowden (probably "Oaklands"), and Samuel Snowden's "stone dwelling house on part of Birmingham Manner [sic,]" with eight windows and measuring 32 feet by 20 feet. Since no stone Snowden house found mentioned in any other records, it is most probable and plausible that the house referred to in Samuel Snowden's will as burning in this house and that a new house was built in the period 1799 to 1801, this house being the present "Snow Hill."

Samuel Snowden, Jr., died intestate in 1823, and his land was divided among his children Samuel C., Mary, Sarah, Martha, Joseph, and Rebecca Snowden. From a survey drawn at the time of the division of the estate, it can be established that. Sarah Snowden inherited her father's dwelling house; in 1865 she and her sister Mary Tyson sold their lands to Benjamin and Sarah Alsop, who conveyed them to John Alsop, whose heir Thomas, Alsop lost the estate in a mortgage foreclosure. Anna Frye thus acquired "Snow Hill," and she sold it to H. Rozier Dulaney in 1907; Alice McCauley purchased it from Dulaney, and the present owners acquired title from the McCauleys in 1940.

Unfortunately, the Snowden family papers have been lost and/ or destroyed, many at the fire at New Birmingham Manor in 1891 according to family sources. Thus, the association of "Snow Hill" with Samuel Snowden must be pieced together from partial records.

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Research is complicated by the fact that Snowden lands remained undivided until 1790 and because all of the houses and estates were referred to by their land and grant names, such as "part of New Birmingham Manor"; in the records to 1800, no reference is made to the name "Snow Hill" is uncertain. To the Snowden residents, all were evidently seen as part of one vast family holding.

That all of the Snowdens were associated in the iron industry is easier to establish, although the size of the Patuxent Iron works has never been satisfactorily established. Wills give portions of the iron works to various children and in various docements, they are referred to as "Iron Master." For example, in a mortgage from Joseph Walter of Bacon Hall to Thomas Snowden, Samuel Snowden, and John Snowden (28 March 1764), the Snowdens are called "Iron Masters."

From the extant records, three Snowden houses are known to have been standing in Prince George's County about 1800: "Montpelier," "Oaklands," and "Snow Hill." The first and second were owned by Thomas Snowden, who occupied "Montpelier" and rented, leased, or gave "Oaklands" to Richard Snowden as his residence. Thus, the references to a house burning and being rebuilt by Samuel Snowden clearly point to "Snow Hill" as the house.

From the above discussion, several points emerge that make "Snow Hill" a significant house in terms of Prince George's County and Maryland state history. First, it is a very late example of Georgian architecture with several unusal features, namely, the handling of the corner cupboards late colonial and early republican ironmasters and one of the founders of an industrial family that in later years ran the extensive mills at Laurel (employing in 1850 over 500 persons). The Snowden family, including Samuel, also owned extensive landholdings in eastern Montgomery County and through the division of their estates and granting of dowries they played a large role in shaping Montgomery County society; the extensive holdings of the Thomas family, for example, which included "Clifton," came from their marriages into the Snowden family.

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Finally, and of potential historical importance, is the more recent fact that Dr. Bryan Warren was the first doctor to treat Governor George Wallace when he was shot at Laurel Shopping Center in 1972.

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The house is a one and a-half story brick structure with a gambrel roof and a five-bay main (east) facade. Below the water table are basement windows with segmental relieving arches, while the main floor windows have flat arches. The double doors have a transom light. The window frames have pegged joints. The brick work is Flemish bond.

There are five dormer windows in the gambrel roof. The dormer roofs continue the line of the higher part of the gambrel roof.

The west facade also has five bays and dormer windows.

On the north end, there are two windows on either side of the stack. On the south end there are two windows at the loft level, one to the west side on the second story level, and a door and window on the first floor. On the east side of this facade is an entrance to the basement. The original basement entrance, however, was on the north facade; supporting lintel is still visible. The stacks are corbelled out of three bricks at the cap.

The owner says that there was a log addition on the south end that he has removed. The porches have been reconstructed.

The original well loation is southeast of the house; the wall has been re-built of fieldstone. The log smokehouse is a reproduction of one from North Carolina.

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY Md. 1. STATE COUNTY Prince Georges INVENTORY #2 **VICINITY** Snow Hill 2. NAME Rt. 197 STREET NO. DATE OR PERIOD late 18th cent. ORIGINAL OWNER Snowden family style Md. gambrel Private dwelling ORIGINAL USE ARCHITECT PRESENT OWNER BUILDER Private dwelling PRESENT USE 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE WALL CONSTRUCTION BRUC NO. OF STORIES 21/2

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

2½ stories, gambrel roof, porch at entrance may be orig.
Flemish bond on front with glazed headers.
Window frames appear to be orig.
House well kept.
Bad job on roof; dormers have been jimmied in lower portion of roof recently.

Log outbuilding 50 ft. s.e. of house. Square, approx. 12 x 12 on brick foundation. Widespaced timbers, dowetailed at corners. Hip roof with shingles.

Estate in no danger.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

sources; Forman page 93
Bowie

Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plon Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

Formula, Eurly Western, 1934, pg 55, 43
photo, floor plan

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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 62-4	Date	c. 1800	
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Location Route 197, Laurel, Maryland			
Open to Public yes _X no			

"SNOW HILL," built between 1799 and 1801, is a very late example of Georgian architecture. The house was constructed by Samuel Snowden, a descendant of Richard Snowden, "The Immigrant," who came to Maryland from Wales in 1675.

"Snow Hill" has some unusual architectural features. On the ground floor, there is a unique treatment of corner cupboards with keystone arched openings and there are cast iron hearths, possibly made at the Snowden iron works. The Snowden family, which owned extensive landholdings in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, were instrumental in the establishment of the iron industry in Maryland and later directed the vast iron mills in Laurel which employed over 500 persons in 1850.

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The brick ends have an irregular fenestration. The south end has two doorways, the western one now used as the exterior door and the eastern one replaced by a window during restoration; this eastern door once connected the house to a log kitchen building that had been attached to the south end; evidence of an even earlier south wing can be seen in the brickwork, the ridge of the roof rising to the bottom of the chimney stack. On the north end wall the limited of a closed-off basement entrance remains. The chimney stacks rise fifteen courses from ridge to cap; the cap consists of five courses, the first three corbelled outward and the next two stepping back.

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In plan, the house has a center hall with two rooms on either side. The staircase resembles the one at "Montpelier," rising in three runs from an inset in the back of the north hall wall. The second floor hall, off of which four rooms open, is balustraded on the south (staircase) side.

The northeast and northwest ground floor rooms are the most elaborate. Each has a corner cupboard with heystone arched opening; a pilester runs from the top of the keystone to the cornice moulding, which breaks out to serve as a pilester cap. Both rooms have east iron hearths, perhaps made at the Snowden from works; the mantle shelves are moulded cornices. In the Southwest room, the hearth is brick; the mantle shelf has a dentil course below the shelf. A small boxed staircase to the second floor extends into the southeast corner of the southeast room; otherwise, the room has been modernized for use as the kitchen.

Each of the north rooms and the southeast room have jup windows. The political room has one window facing south and one facing south and one facing south and closet that now is a "powder room." Chair rails throughout the house are simple, consisting of a board with head supporting a roll moulding. A door from the northeast room to the former kitchen building has been blocked off by a cabinet built at Snow Hill, Woreheater County, Maryland.

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In the attic, the roof framing consists of common rafters with lapped joints at the ridge; collars are lapped over the rafters.

During the restoration and modernization of the house, Dr. and Mrs. Warron had reproduced a number of hardware and decorative items. Thus, the modern doors were made using an original door as a pattern. The restoration design, done by Byard Turnbill, AIA, has attempted to preserve as much as possible, model reconstructed items on existing original features, and preserve the late Georgian character of the house.

### ITEM 8 (Continued)

complete his house and son Samuel received "a Sum not Exceeding Five Mundred Pounds like Money (including the Sum of One Mundred and Twenty five Pounds which I have already engaged to pay) for the Purpose of being laid out and Expended in procuring materials for, and for rebuilding and refitting my late Dwelling House which was burnt, and which I have devised as aforesaid to my Said Son Samuel and his Meirs forever." On 19 June 1801—eight days before his death—Samuel Snowden added a codicile to his will witholding \$250 from his son Samuel in light of the "considerable Sums of Money" expended in the "finishing of the Dwelling Meuse devised by me to my Son Samuel Snowden."

The 1798 Tax Assessment for Prince George's County shows three major Snowden holdings, Thomas Snowden's "Hontpelier," Thomas Snowden's two story brick house occupied by Richard Snowden (probably "Oaklands"), and Samuel Snowden's "stone dwelling house on part of Birmingham Manner [sic.]" with eight windows and measuring 32 feet by 20 feet. Since no stone Snowden house is found mentioned in any other records, it is most probable and plausible that the house referred to in Samuel Snowden's will as buring is this house and that a new house was built in the period 1799 to 1801, this house being the present "Snow Hill."

Samuel Snowden, Jr., died intestate in 1823, and his land was divided among his children Samuel C., Mary, Sarah, Martha, Joseph, and Rebecca Snowden. From a survey drawn at the time of the division of the estate, it can be established that Sarah Snowden inherited her father's dwelling house; in 1865 she and her sister Mary Tyson sold thier lands to Conjomin and Sarah Alsop, who conveyed them to John Alsop, whose heir Thomas Alsop lost the estate in a mortgage foreclosure. Anna Frye thus acquired "Snow Hill," and she sold it to H. Rosier Dulancy in 1907; Alice McCauley purchased it from Dulancy in 1940.

### ITEM 8 (Continued-2)

Unfortunately, the Snowden family papers have been lost and/or destroyed, many at the fire at New Birmingham Manor in 1891 according to family sources. Thus, the association of "Snow Hill" with Samuel Snowden must be pieced together from partial records. Research is complicated by the fact that Snowden lands remained undivided until 1790 and because all of the houses and estates were referred to by their land grant names, such as "part of New Birmingham Manor"; in the records to 1800, no reference is made to the name "Snow Hill" or to the name "Montpelier" and the origins of these appelations is uncertain. To the Snowden residents, all were evidently seen as part of one vast family holding.

That all of the Snowdens were associated in the iron industry is easier to establish, although the size of the Patuxent Iron works has never been satisfactorily established. Wills give portions of the iron works to various children and in various document, they are referred to as "Iron Master." For example, in a mortgage from Joseph Walter of Bacon Hell to Thomas Snowden, Samuel Snowden, and John Snowden (28 March 1764), the Snowdens are called "Iron Masters."

From the extant records, three Snowden houses are known to have been standing in Prince George's County about 1800: "Montpelier," "Oaklands," and "Snow Hill." The first and second were owned by Thomas Snowden, who occupied "Montpelier" and rented, leased, or gave "Oaklands" to Richard Snowden as his residence. Thus, the references to a house burning and being rebuilt by Samuel Snowden clearly point to "Snow Hill" as the house.

From the above discussion, several points emerge that make "Snow Hill" a significant house in terms of Prince. George's County and Maryland state history. First, it is a very late example of Georgian architecture with several unusual features, namely, the handling of the corner cupboards and the iron hearths. Second, it is the home of one of Maryland's late colonial and early republican ironmasters and one of the founders of an industrial family that in later years ran the extensive mills at Laurel (employing in 1850 over 500 persons). The Snowden family, including Samuel, also owned extensive landholdings in eastern Montgomery County and through the division of their estates and granting of dowries they played a large role in shaping Montgomery County society; the extensive holdings of the Thomas family, for example, which included "Clifton," came from their marriages into the Snowden family.

Finally, and of potential historical importance, is the more recent fact that Dr. Bryan Warren was the first doctor to trent Governor George Wallace when he was shot at Laurel Shopping Center in 1972.

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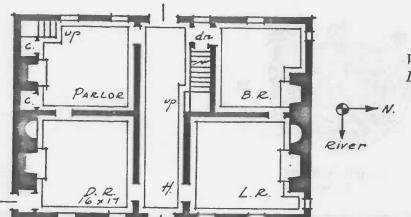


SNOW HILL

Late Eighteenth Century

"Snow Hill" is another old Snowden home of the last quarter of the Eighteenth Century, built across the Patuxent from Richard Snowden's "Birmingham Manor". It has a plan very similar to that of "Oakland" nearby, and an exterior practically the same, except for "Oakland's" mansard roof. There are more rooms on the ground floor, but the stairway is not so impressive as that of "Oakland".

"Fairlands", "Snowden's Hall", "Montpelier", and "Oakland", are other old Snowden homes in the vicinity. Major Richard Snowden of Birmingham, England, was the founder of this family in Maryland about 1658. His son, Capt. Richard Snowden, owned "Robin Hood's Forest" (ten and a half thousand acres), and other plantations.



Views: From Northwest. Dimensions:

Overall, 35-0 by 50-0. Ceiling, 11-4. Sill, 31. Panes, 10 by 12. Wall, 14.

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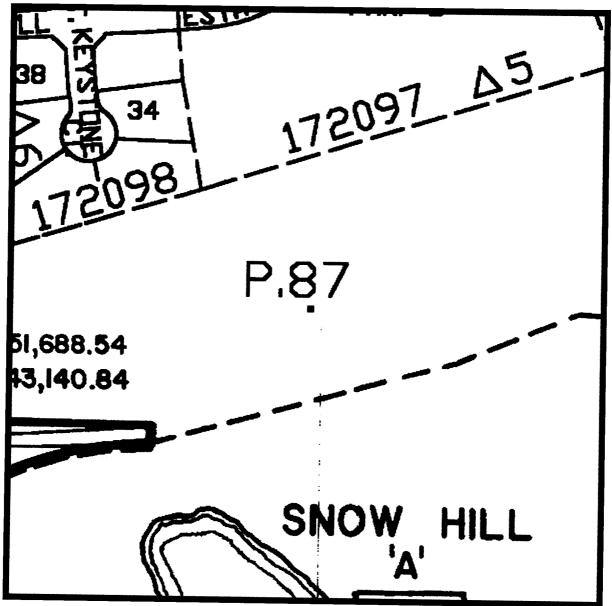
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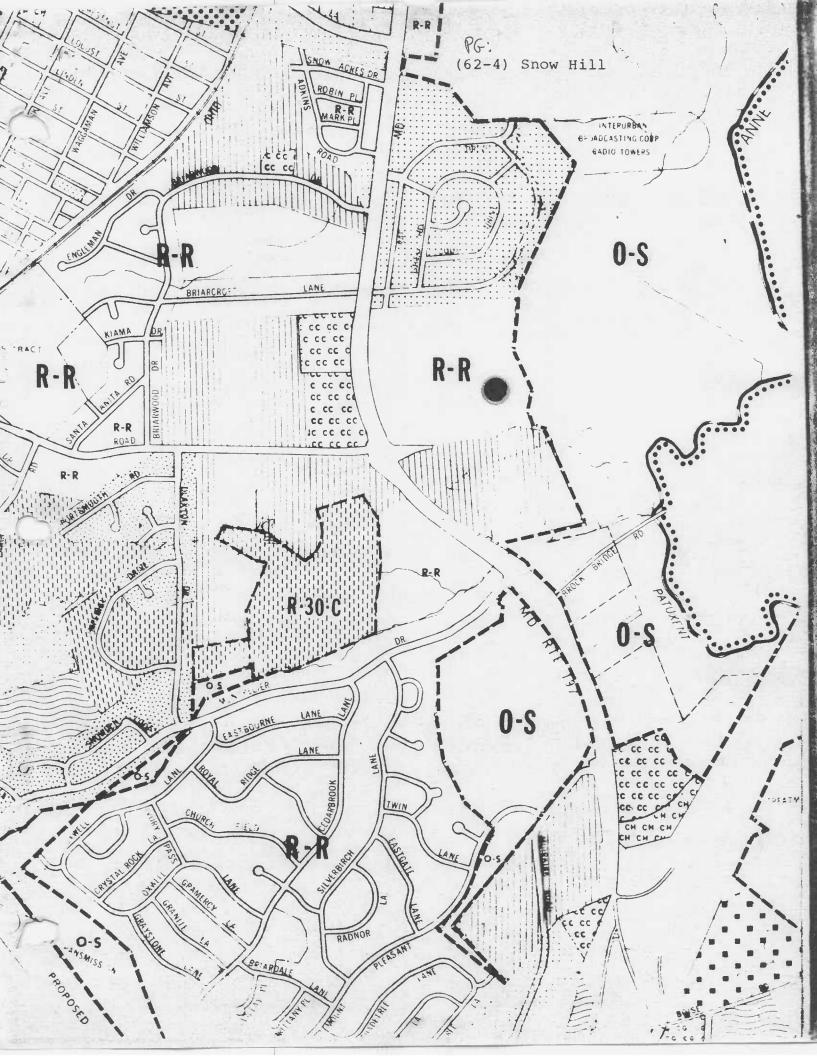


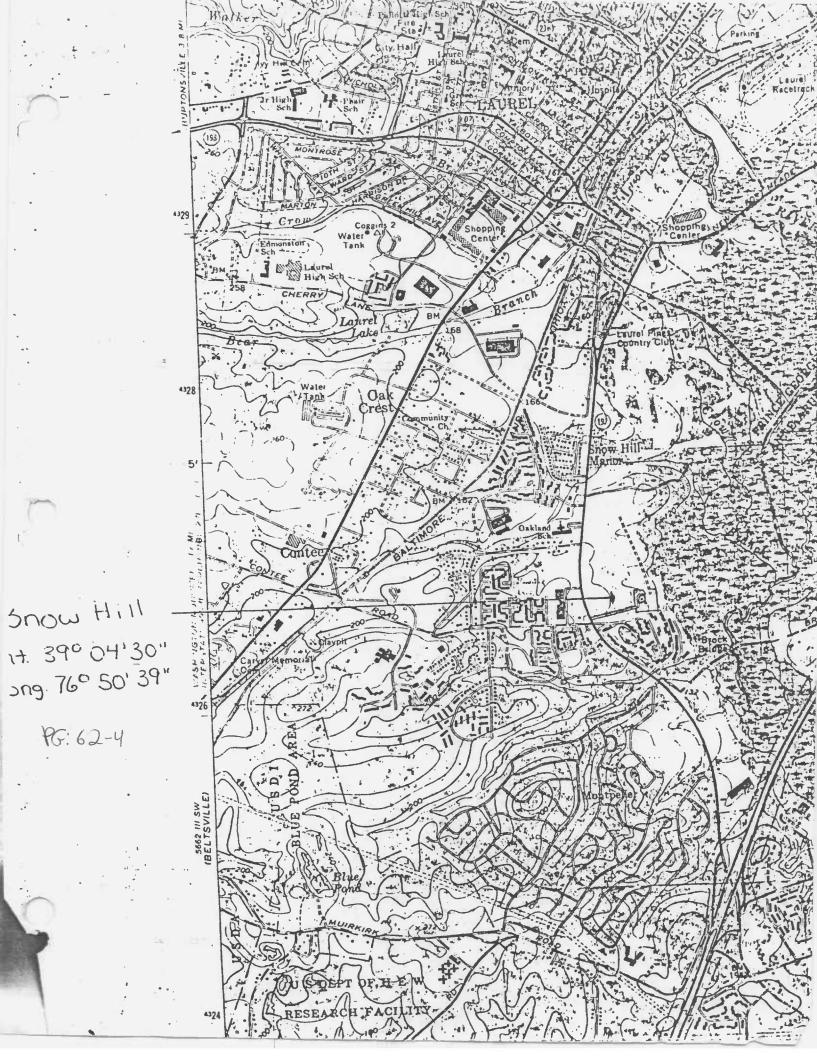
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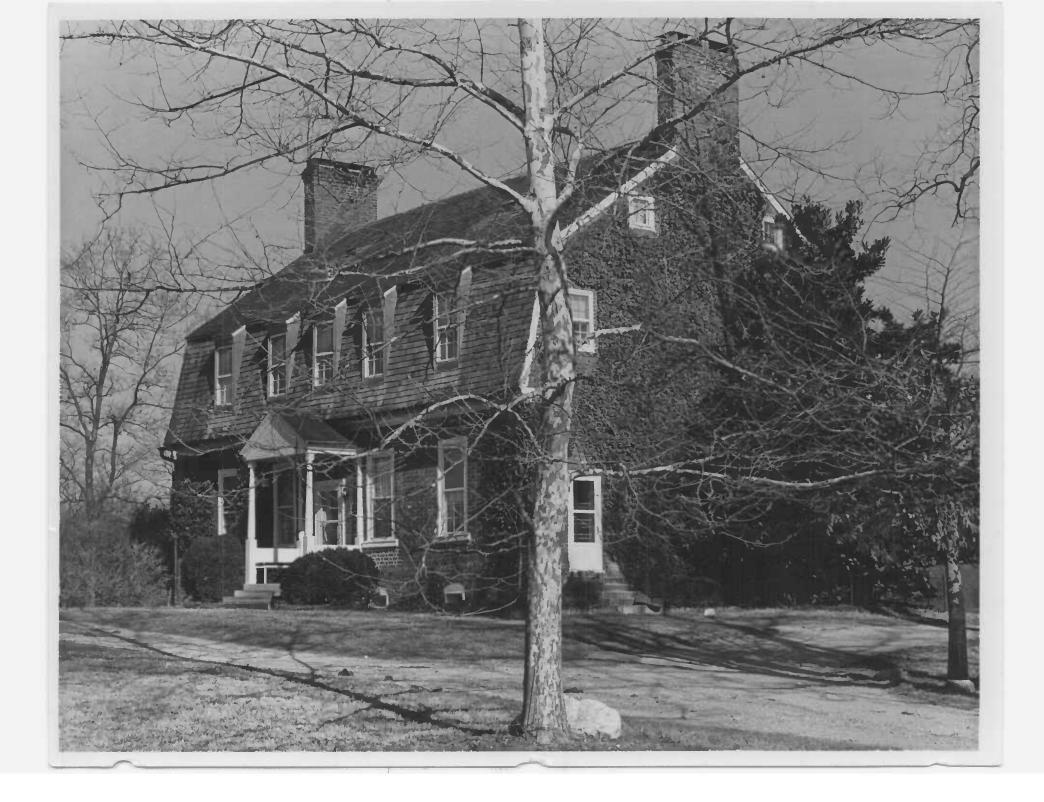
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